Fixing responsibility of Growth of Slums in Delhi on SHOs

320. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to make local Station House Officer of Delhi Police responsible for the growth of slums in his area in the national capital territory of Delhi as has been suggested by the Delhi High Court;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when Government propose to implement the proposal and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED) : (a) There is no such proposal to make SHO responsible for prevention of the growth of slums.

(b) Not applicable in view of above.

(c) The Delhi Administration is of the firm opinion that the primary responsibility for protecting land is of land owning agency and the zonal officials of MCD, NDMC, DDA and field staff. The Delhi High Court in its order dated 15-4-1993 has desired to know the designation of the officials who would be made responsible for ensuring that no new jhuggi-jhopri emerges in Delhi. The High Court has suggested that SHOs of Delhi Police be made responsible to prevent growth of slums. However, the matter was considered in the Administration and accordingly the High Court was informed through an affidavit that the primary responsibility of protecting land rests with the land owning agencies and also zonal officers, MCD, NDMC, DDA and the field staff.

Communal Violence in Bhatkal Town of Uttar Kannada

321. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there was communal violence in Bhatkal town in Uttar Kannada district recently;

(b) if so, the reason for such a communal violence and remedial steps taken by Government to see that such a communal violence does not recur in future; and

(c) the persons suffered and compensation, if any, paid by Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Car festival of Lord Maruti was celebrated on April 1, 1993. While the procession was to conclude in the evening, some anti-social elements pelted stones on the processionists as a result of which minor incidents of communal nature took place. The situation was quickly controlled by the Police and prohibitory orders u/s 144 Cr.P.C. were promulgated in Bhatkal town. Police had arranged intensive patrolling and picketing and a close watch was kept on the situation. 33 persons have been arrested in connection with the incident.

(c) 37 persons were affected by the incident. An amount of Rs. 1.5 lakh has been paid to the persons who were injured and who lost their property.

Vessels smuggling arms from Pakistan to India

322. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received information that two vessels laden with arms and ammunition have left Pakistan in the second week of April, 1993 and were scheduled to off-load the consignment on the East Coast;